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## Director's Corner

### **Randy Randolph, PA-C**

Program Director & Associate Professor

After forty years in healthcare, 34 as a PA and 14 in PA education, I have decided to retire effective July 1, 2011. I feel confident that the program is well positioned to continue to educate and train compassionate, dedicated and knowledgeable PAs for years to come. The new system based didactic curriculum has proven to be effective and welcomed, the clinical site and preceptor base is solid and our applicant pool brings a wealth of highly motivated individuals with divergent backgrounds. We have an established, well educated faculty and staff that are unmatched in their dedication to student success.

There are a number of things that I am particularly proud to be associated with in the program. The integration of evidence based concepts throughout the curriculum, the opportunities for international clinical experiences, and the dedication to community through the Interprofessional Diabetes Clinic and the

Essential Health Clinic. These activities help define who we are as a program. I am most proud, however, of our graduates. They have shown dedication to their communities by entering primary care and under-served and rural practices in numbers that far exceed the national average. Pacific PA Program graduates are well known, respected and recognized throughout the state and the nation as top flight representatives of the PA profession.

It has been a tremendous ride over the course of my career but it is time for my wife and I to enter the next phase of our life. Candy and I will keep our home in Hillsboro, but plan to spend time on the road as "RV'ers". We'll be "snowbirds" in the winter with the hope of seeing a lot of the country and maybe a golf course or two. I may finally get some use out of my new driver. My best wishes to all and thank you for allowing me to perhaps have a small influence on your education and career. It's been fourteen years of learning a lot more than I taught. ◀

## New Program Director



*Judy Ortiz, PA-C*

It is my distinct pleasure to announce the appointment of Judy Ortiz as the new Director of the School of Physician Assistant Studies in the College of

Health Professions effective July 1, 2011.

Ms. Ortiz is currently the Associate Director of Physician Assistant Studies at Pacific, a position she has held since 2005 after joining the School as Academic Coordinator in 1998. Ms. Ortiz has been a visionary force in the PA program, spearheading the adoption of the innovative block curriculum that has contributed to the success and renown of Physician Assistant Studies at Pacific. She is a skilled and forward thinking leader who will continue to be a distinguished member of the College of Health Professions. We are very fortunate to welcome Judy Ortiz into her new role as Director. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Ortiz.

**Ann E. Barr, P.T., D.P.T., Ph.D.**

Vice Provost & Executive Dean  
College of Health Professions

# Message from the Medical Director



*Charles Bentz M.D., F.A.C.P., Medical Director*

**Charles Bentz M.D., F.A.C.P.**  
Medical Director

I have enjoyed working with the PA program over the past 15 years, and even more so over the past three years as Medical Director. In this capacity, physicians ask me over and over again the same questions: “What exactly does a PA do?” and “What is involved in having a PA in my practice?” I can think of no better group of individuals who can help answer these questions than our own alumni, and I would like to give you the opportunity to help educate physicians across the country.

We are planning a promotional program to educate physicians that will utilize both printed and online materials to describe the PA profession and what it means to have a PA in their practice. To create these materials, I am asking alumni to consider sending quotable quotes about what being a PA means to you and/or what education at Pacific means to you now. If you, or your supervising physician, are interested in helping, please send me a brief quote along with a digital photo to [cbentzmd@pacificu.edu](mailto:cbentzmd@pacificu.edu).

Thanks for all that you do. ◀

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## Clinical Year Update

**Anya Hill, R.N., PA-C, M.S.**  
Clinical Coordinator

The end of this Academic Year marks the end of an era: our director, Randy Randolph, retires June 30th. We are deeply grateful for his work, wisdom, and dedication to the University, our program, and our profession. He leaves us strong and secure as we continue the mission of Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies in every aspect of education and training through the academic and clinical phases of our program.

In supporting our mission and values, we turn to our alumni. As Diane and I continue to develop clinical sites throughout the western region and beyond, we ask our graduates who have not been Pacific preceptors to consider joining the ranks of adjunct clinical faculty. To our graduates who have

served as preceptors in the past, and have taken a break, we invite you to consider returning. We are available to discuss the clinical courses, expectations, goals, and objectives, clinical year schedule and opportunities for preceptorship and classroom lecturing. Contact us at email address: [clinicalteam@pacificu.edu](mailto:clinicalteam@pacificu.edu) or call us: 503-352-7313. We look forward to working with you to find ways to grow and learn together.

For those of you who reached out and joined us in 2010 as adjunct clinical faculty, we thank you! And to our long-standing preceptors who welcome students into their clinics, hospitals, and communities every clinical year in their commitment to bringing up the next generation of medical providers, thank you for your consistent patience, energy and care.

A special thank you is extended to Dr.

Elliot Kalauawa at Waikiki Health Center. We appreciate and acknowledge Dr. Kalauawa for his ongoing commitment to our students, graduates, and program. Under his direction and guidance, the Waikiki Health Center providers and staff continue to mentor our students, even through a clinic remodel and while establishing EMR! *Mahalo nui loa.*

I'll close with an International Rotations update. The number of students who choose a six-week clinical rotation in China, Ecuador, Honduras, Costa Rica, or Kenya continues to grow. We are happy to report that forty-five percent of the Class of 2011 has participated in International Rotations, and seventy-six percent of the 2012 Class will participate in this unique aspect of our program.

As transitions are upon us, we are proud of our past, energized with the present, and excited for our future. ◀

# Awards

## & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JOSIAH HILL SCHOLARSHIP

**Shannon Goddard**, class of 2011, was awarded the Josiah Hill Scholarship in March of 2011. Shannon was chosen based on the criteria of having strength in academic scholarship, participation in activities related to the PA profession and the community, and inspiring professional goals as a PA. Academically, she utilized the many opportunities that the program presented, including but not limited to working in study groups, volunteering for extra learning activities, and collecting texts for her own personal medical library. She is a strong leader in her class and is currently serving as the class president. Lastly, Shannon has the goal to serve in primary care and work in a medically under-served community. Specifically, she hopes to begin monthly information sessions



*Shannon Goddard '11*

and home visits for her patients. Shannon is a great example of leadership and service.

Congratulations Shannon. You have made us proud. ◀

### SARA HOPKINS-POWELL SCHOLARSHIP

**Brandon Smith**, class of 2012, is the first recipient of the Sara Hopkins-Powell Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to support international education opportunities for students and international students' education at Pacific. Preference will be given to students or initiatives with a demonstrated commitment to service, especially to under-served populations. Brandon will use the scholarship funds for his trip to Kenya in March 2012 as part of his clinical year. ◀



*Brandon Smith '12*

## PA Alumni Updates

### 2005

**Michelle Davis** will be going on her first medical mission to Honduras in June with Medical Brigades-Medical Mission on behalf of her alma mater UC Irvine.

**Jane Girskis** and husband added Sage Yona Girskis Thomson to their family on August 16, 2010.

### 2006

**Amber Travis** and Matthew welcomed their third child Stone to the family on September 26, 2010. Father and son share the their birthday just 40 years apart.

**Eric Wells** and wife Sara had their third son in June. In addition to caring for her family, Sara co-authored a cookbook recently published. Find out the detail on her blog [www.ourbestbites.com](http://www.ourbestbites.com)

### 2008

**Erin Bolken** and Eric welcomed Layla Kate to their family on October 14, 2010.

**Sunshine John** and husband Brian are expecting their first child, a boy, in July.

**Kate Molyneux** and husband Dan added Marie-Christine Elise to the family on August 5, 2010.

### 2010

**Aaron Carter** is starting a new job in emergency medicine after getting in as many ski days as possible this last season in Lake Tahoe.

## Faculty & Staff

### Faculty

- Randy Randolph, PA-C  
*Program Director & Associate Professor*
- Charles Bentz, M.D.  
*Medical Director & Associate Professor*
- Hector M. Rodriguez, D.O.  
*Associate Medical Director & Assistant Professor*
- James Ferguson, PA-C  
*Academic Faculty & Assistant Professor*
- Anya Hill, PA-C  
*Clinical Coordinator & Assistant Professor*
- Judy Ortiz, PA-C  
*Associate Director & Professor*
- Mark Pedemonte, M.D.  
*Academic Faculty & Associate Professor*
- Robert Rosenow, Pharm.D., O.D.  
*Academic Faculty & Professor*
- Sheryl Sanders, Ph. D.  
*Associate Professor of Anatomy*
- Annjanette Sommers, PA-C  
*Academic Faculty & Assistant Professor*
- Vince Tenorio, PA-C  
*Hawaii On-Site Coordinator & Assistant Professor*
- Mary Von, PA-C  
*Academic Coordinator & Associate Professor*

### Staff

- Debby Friscia  
*Office Associate*
- Carol LePage  
*Manager of Administrative Services*
- Diane Van Dyke  
*Assistant Manager of Administrative Services*



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## 2010-2011 Highlights

### MAY 2010

- Class of 2012—44 students begin online course
- AAPA Conference & PA Alumni Reception—San Diego, CA

### JUNE 2010

- New Class Welcome & Reunion Picnic
- Presentation of four Community Service Scholarships to first year PA students: Diana Seaders, Brandon Smith, Michele Stowe, Trisha Thoms

### AUGUST 2010

- Graduation of Class of 2010—42 graduates
- Annual White Coat Ceremony

### SEPTEMBER 2010

- “Interprofessional Diabetes Care: A Unique Model” An Interprofessional Case Conference

### OCTOBER 2010

- National PA Week
- PA Alumni reception at OSPA Fall meeting—Newport, OR
- “Chronic Pain”: An Interprofessional Case Conference

### NOVEMBER 2010

- Admission Interviews Begin
- Faculty presentations at PAEA Conference—Portland, OR

### DECEMBER 2010

- Admission Interviews Conclude for Class of 2013

### JANUARY 2011

- “Chronic Pain”: An Interprofessional Case Conference
- Washington County Project Homeless Connect—faculty, staff and students

### FEBRUARY 2011

- “Evidence Based Practice”: An Interprofessional Case Conference

### MARCH 2011

- Orientation posted to Blackboard—Welcoming the Class of 2013
- “Community-Based Gerontology”: An Interprofessional Case Conference
- Presentation of Josiah Hill Alumni Scholarship to Shannon Goddard

### APRIL 2011

- Spring OSPA Conference—Salem, OR
- CHP Interprofessional Course Poster Presentations

# Alumni Reunions—Mark Your Calendar

## PACIFIC UNIVERSITY ALUMNI RECEPTION

**5:30–7 PM Wednesday, June 1, 2011**

**Las Vegas Hilton, East Tower Lobby, Las Vegas, Nevada**

Pacific University will hold its annual alumni reception at the upcoming American Academy of Physician Assistant Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Watch for further details in a reminder post card and in the preliminary and final convention schedules.

## NEW STUDENT & ALUMNI PICNIC

**Noon–4 PM Saturday, June 18, 2011**

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## HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

This year Pacific will be celebrating reunion during *Homecoming & Family Weekend* October 28-30. This means Pacific University will be hosting one huge party!

All alumni are invited, and specific classes will celebrate their class reunion. This year, the Physician Assistant Studies Class of 2001 is invited to host a 10-year reunion celebration. Each year the Office of Alumni Relations offers support to motivated volunteers for reunion gatherings. Members of the Class of 2001 interested in working with the Office of Alumni Relations to help plan and promote this reunion can contact the office at [alumni@pacificu.edu](mailto:alumni@pacificu.edu) to learn more.

The Office of Alumni Relations wants to keep in touch. Please take a few moments to fill out the Memory Book form and let us know where you are and what you are up to.

For a complete schedule and additional information, visit  
[www.pacificu.edu/homecoming](http://www.pacificu.edu/homecoming)

**Martha Calus-McLain '03** | Director of Alumni Relations

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